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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Triple Bridges project in Fiscal Year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), located at 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202.

The I-695 Interchange Reconstruction at I-70 project, also known as the Triple Bridges project, is a critical, high-priority component of MDOT's Traffic Relief Plan to improve traffic operations in the Baltimore region. This 1960's interchange is functionally obsolete, which leads to congestion and travel delays. This project not only will improve mobility while maintaining all existing connections, but also address aging infrastructure by replacing bridge structures in the interchange. In addition, it will improve access to key employment centers in the vicinity, especially the Social Security Administration's Woodlawn complex. Preliminary engineering is ongoing with design-build procurement anticipated to begin in 2023-2024 and design-build activities in 2024-2025. MDOT State Highway Administration (SHA) anticipates completing construction in 2028 or early 2029. Congressionally designated spending for the project will ensure, as preliminary engineering progresses, that MDOT SHA is readily able to fund construction without delay.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger
Member of Congress